



# Purbrook Infant School

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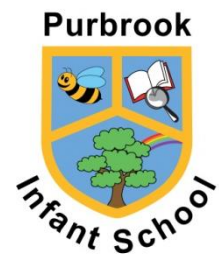


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**Friday Flier**



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## Sharing Covid Information

Due to the nature of this virus, we will now only share with you if the cases in school reach Public Health thresholds. If you are particularly worried as you have vulnerable family members, please do let us know.

## New Staff

We have recently appointed a new site manager, Mr Mark Metcalf, so if you see an unfamiliar male on the school site, it will be him.

## Back Gate Opening and Closing Times

As we have a new site manager, we will be opening and closing the back gate at slightly different times from now on. The gate will now open at 7.30am and 3.00pm and will close at 9.05am and 3.40pm. You will need to use the main gate outside of these times.

## Starting School in September 2022

If your child is 4 or will turn before 1 September 2022, they can start school in September. If you have not already applied for a place, you need to do so by tomorrow, Saturday 15 January. Hampshire residents should apply via the online portal: [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions). Other residents should apply to their own Council, for example Portsmouth City Council or West Sussex Council.

## Opportunity to try a School Lunch – Thursday 20 January

Next Thursday the school caterers are providing the children with the opportunity to sample a school lunch. The choices available are:

- Sausage or vegan sausage roll wrap with crisps and veg of the day
- A marble biscuit (fresh fruit will also be available)

All children will automatically be signed up for this lunch. However, they may also bring in their own packed lunch but still sample items on offer. There will be no pressure to taste the food, it will be on the table and they can try any of the food items they wish.

## Thank You

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Zurich Insurance for their kind donation of just over £4,500. This will go towards purchasing much needed additional IT equipment. We will be joining forces with them shortly to enable us to raise even more money. This will involve us recycling unwanted phones, tablets, CDs and games via our school community. Once we have more information we will share this with you.

## Winter Reading Challenge

This year, the Public Libraries' Winter Reading Challenge is all about getting cosy together to share the love of reading.

It kicked off on 06 January 2022 and runs for eight weeks, until the end of the spring half-term. Pupils can take part and they can join in through the [Hampshire Libraries Kids' zone](http://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone) <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone> or at their local library.



Children can read or listen to any four books to complete the challenge. This includes books they read or listen to for school, with family members and friends over Zoom, bedtime stories, non-fiction books, eBooks and audiobooks.

Those who visit their local library will be given a collector's card and each time they finish a book they will be able to collect a sticker. At the end of their challenge, they can visit the library to receive their finisher's certificate, but the most important thing is that pupils enjoy some winter reading for pleasure!

### **Music Invoices**

If you have not yet paid for your child's music tuition, please can you do so as a matter of urgency. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please can you let us know immediately or payment will be expected.

### **Busy Bees**

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

**Year R:** Emma May, Lyla-May Saunders and Cordelia Thomas. **Year 1:** Theodore Rolison and Bobby Smith. **Year 2:** Caden Claxton, Ruby Clark-Trigwell, Lilly-Anne Fry, Hayden Jackson, Jude Sibley, Shaya Tade and Poppy Thomson.

### **Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners**

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Wagtails' Class
- Doves' Class
- Kestrels' Class

### **Reporting Absence**

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

### **Forest School Sessions:**

Timetable for this half term was sent out half last term. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: [Spring A Timetable](#). **Reminder: Year 2 Forest School will now be on a Monday.**

### **Lunch Menu**

Next week's menu will be: Week 1. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

Yours sincerely



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